

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Akihiro FUNAKOSHI et al.
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FOR PANCREATITIS COMPRISING IL-6
ANTAGONIST AS AN ACTIVE INGREDIENT
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated March 22, 2011, concerning the above-referenced patent application. Applicants are concurrently paying a three-month extension of time fee to render this response timely.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: